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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Letters Filing in WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find letters from Michael Garrett, President of the Alaska Telephone Association (ATA) addressed to Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner O'Rielly, welcoming them for their upcoming visits to Alaska and offering to assist them in any way to facilitate a meaningful and insightful experience on serving the Last Frontier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Merriam, Chair

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The Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. WS Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

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The FCC has stated Alaska is unique; seeing it firsthand will provide foundational knowledge to craft policy that allows Native and rural Alaskans to participate in the broadband revolution. We look forward to learning the details of your travel to the Greatland and stand ready to make the trip as engaging and enlightening as possible.

With Best Regards,

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